

## Success Beyond Six Study Group 2007

### Charge from the Legislature:

- c) Success Beyond Six is a fiscal mechanism that allows local schools and local designated agencies for community mental health services to enter into contractual relationships for school-based service provision supported in part through state-approved Medicaid billing in the department of health – mental health division. This fiscal mechanism has reduced the schools' cost in providing these services by up to 60 percent. To date, however, these contracts have been approved conditioned on compliance with Medicaid rules and general fiscal management, not specifically on best practice, efficiency or outcome models. Under Vermont's Global Commitment for Health Waiver, Medicaid is no longer an unlimited funding stream; rather it must be managed to a fixed capped amount. The secretary of the agency of human services and the commissioner of education shall convene a summer study group to ensure that expenditures in this area utilize best practices, yield positive outcomes, and are managed to a predictable rate of growth.

#### (1) This study will result in recommendations regarding:

- (A) Mechanisms for managing Success Beyond Six services in a capped Medicaid environment to ensure the effective delivery of services to school-age children and controlled growth;
- (B) Prioritizing Success Beyond Six populations and/or services for growth within the constraints of the waiver cap. This will include exploring whether prevention and mental health wellness programs can or should be funded within this model;
- (C) Decreasing administrative burdens of service provision where ever possible.

- (2) A report on the recommendations and a plan for implementation by the agency of human services and department of education will be presented to the house committees on education and on human services and the senate committees on education and on health and welfare no later than January 15, 2008.